

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for insuring a customer having a computer against damage caused by a computer virus, said system comprising:

a computer;

an insurer providing insurance coverage against computer virus infection of said computer;

and

means for ~~compensating the customer~~ repairing the computer if said computer becomes infected with a computer virus;

wherein said insurer provides ~~compensation to the customer~~ means for repairing the computer when said computer becomes infected with the virus.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The system of claim 1 wherein said computer virus causes damage to at least one software program installed in said computer means for repairing the computer includes providing a repair center for which the customer may bring the infected computer to, the repair center repairing the infected computer at the repair center.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The system of claim 2 wherein said ~~compensating means~~ means for repairing the computer includes providing the customer with a monetary compensation to replace the installed software program replacing any software infected by the computer virus.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The system of claim 2 wherein said ~~compensating means~~ includes replacing the installed software program with a comparable software program means for replacing the computer includes replacing any hardware component of the computer infected by the computer virus.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The system of claim 2] wherein said ~~compensating~~ means for repairing the computer includes ~~repairing the installed software program means for providing and~~ fielding a field technician by the insurer to the location of the computer to repair the infected computer.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The system of claim 1 wherein said ~~computer~~ includes at least one computer component and the computer virus causes damage to at least one hardware component of said computer means for repairing the computer includes providing a means for remotely repairing the computer.

Claim 7 (currently amend): The system of claim 6] wherein said ~~compensating~~ means for repairing the computer includes providing the customer with a monetary award to ~~replace the~~ damaged computer component based on loss of earnings due to the time the computer is unable to operate because of the virus.

Claims 8-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method of insuring a customer having a computer for damage caused by a computer virus, said method comprising the steps of:

offering, by an insurer, coverage of a computer for damage caused by a computer virus to the customer;

selecting, by the customer, coverage offered by the insurer; and

buying, by the customer, offered coverage;

upon the computer being infected by a computer virus, requesting repair by the customer for damage caused by the computer virus; and

repairing the infected computer by the insurer.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method of insuring a customer of claim 13 12 wherein the step of ~~providing compensation to the customer~~ includes ~~repairing the damaged computer~~ repairing the infected computer includes ~~providing a repair center for the customer to bring the computer to the repair center~~ repairing the infected computer.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method of insuring a customer of claim 14 12 wherein the step of ~~repairing the damaged computer~~ includes ~~repairing computer software installed in the computer~~ providing a field technician that goes to a location of the infected computer and repairs the infected computer.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method of insuring a customer of claim 14 12 wherein the step of ~~repairing the damaged infected computer~~ includes repairing a damaged computer component of the computer.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method of insuring a customer of claim 13 12 wherein the step of ~~providing compensation to the customer~~ includes providing monetary compensation to the customer for damage caused by the computer virus based on ~~loss of earnings due to the time the computer is unable to operate because of the virus~~.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method of insuring a customer of claim 13 12 wherein the step of ~~providing compensation to the customer~~ ~~repairing the infected computer~~ includes providing a replacement software program to replace damaged installed software caused by the computer virus.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The method of insuring a customer of claim 13 12 wherein the step of ~~providing compensation to the customer~~ ~~repairing the infected computer~~ includes providing a replacement computer component to replace a damaged computer component caused by the computer virus.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method of insuring a customer of claim 13, wherein the step of providing compensation to the customer includes providing a monetary fee to the customer for lost earnings caused by loss or degradation of performance of the computer repairing the infected computer includes remotely repairing the computer.

Claims 21-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (currently amended): A method of insuring a customer having a computer for damage caused by a computer virus, said method comprising the steps of:

offering, by an insurer, coverage of a computer for damage caused by a computer virus to the customer;

selecting, by the customer, coverage offered by the insurer;

buying, by the customer, offered coverage;

~~infecting the computer by a computer virus;~~

~~upon the computer being infected with a computer virus,~~ requiring the customer to fulfill at least one prerequisite to be covered in the event of damage caused by the computer virus;

~~infecting the computer by a computer virus;~~

requesting compensation by the customer for damage caused by the computer virus;

and

providing compensation repairing the computer by the insurer to the customer for damage caused by the computer virus;